

Las Vegas Downtown Achieves Needs Assessment Summary

The Study

An open-ended Delphi study was conducted with (a) teachers and administrators, (b) parents and guardians, and (c) community stakeholders to ask what is needed in the school and community to improve student achievement and well-being.

Participants: 478

Needs Identified: 7314 unique needs; 1878 unique ideas

Community and School Indicators

- Approximately **10%** of people living in the LVDA community are **unemployed**.
- Approximately **30%** of families are earning **less than \$25,00 per year**, with the median income being approximately **\$29,500**.
- **Ninety percent** of students attending LVDA elementary schools come from **culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds**, with approximately **50%** of students being identified as **English Language Learners**.
- **Four of the seven** LVDA elementary schools have been classified as two-star schools according to the Nevada School Performance Framework; the other three are three-star.
- Approximately **44%** of elementary students in LVDA elementary schools **are not meeting** grade-level reading standards; approximately **41%** **are not meeting** grade-level math standards.

Top 10 Needs for Academics in School

1. Access to updated technology
2. **Effective and engaging teachers***
3. **Literacy resources***
4. **Tutoring opportunities***
5. Smaller classes and more individualized instruction
6. Extracurricular activities
7. **Opportunities for parent and family involvement***
8. **Before- and after-school programming***
9. STEM learning opportunities and interventions
10. **Learning materials and supplies for teachers***

Top 10 Needs for Academics in Community

1. **Before- and after-school programming***
2. **Tutoring and homework supports***
3. **Parent and family involvement***
4. **Food, clothing, and resources support***
5. **Literacy programs and resources***
6. **Materials for learning ***
7. **Effective and quality teachers***
8. Language supports for ELLs
9. **Sports activities***
10. **Safety on school campus and in community***

Top 10 Needs for Well-Being in School

1. **Access to food and food services***
2. **Access to medical care***
3. **Resources for learning and school supplies***
4. **Mental health services***
5. **Physical activities and sports in school***
6. Nutrition and wellness education
7. **Before- and after-school programming***
8. **Parent involvement and support***
9. **Extracurricular activities***
10. Additional non-academic time for students

Top 10 Needs for Well-Being in Community

1. **Before- and after-school programming***
2. **Access to medical care***
3. **Parent involvement and support***
4. Parks, community centers, and community events
5. Community support of and communication with schools
6. **Access to food and food services***
7. **Mental health services***
8. **Tutoring***
9. **Safety on school campus and in community***
10. Additional community center resources